

ACTIVE LIVING



Why Early Treatment Is Vital for Heart Valve Patients

Heart Valve Disease Impacts 5+ Million Americans Each Year, Including 1.5 Million with Aortic Stenosis (AS)



50% of patients with AS who go untreated do not survive more than two years after the onset of symptoms.¹

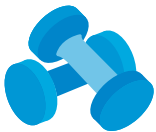


27% of heart valve patients wished they had sought treatment earlier.²



87% of patients with AS consider the disease a condition that worsens over time.²

Don't Let Aortic Stenosis Limit Your Next Step



49%

of heart valve patients say a return to active living is a key factor in their treatment decision.²



82%

of respondents who had a heart valve procedure report exercising as the number one activity they can enjoy again, followed by travelling (**45%**).²

Less Invasive Options Can Help Patients Without the Need for Open-heart Surgery



Patients who had a heart valve procedure reported the top benefit of minimally invasive procedures to be less time in the hospital (**56%**).²



The majority of patients (**98%**) who received transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), a minimally invasive procedure, reported being satisfied with the treatment option.²

How Patients & Doctors Can Make Decisions Together



90%

of respondents identified as a heart valve patient were influenced by conversations with their doctor when making treatment decisions.²



Reputation of the hospital or doctor (**85%**) and surgery success rate (**62%**) led the way in patient decision-making for heart valve patients.²

Like any medical procedure, undergoing a heart valve procedure such as TAVR or SAVR is not without risk. Risks may vary with patient characteristics such as age, sex, severity of illness, comorbidities, and family history.

Talk with your physician to determine if TAVR is an option to treat your condition.

Visit heart-valve-surgery.com to learn more.

¹ Lester SJ, Heilbron B, Gin K, Dodek A, Jue J. The natural history and rate of progression of aortic stenosis. *Chest*. April 1998;113(4):1109-1114.

² Active Living Awareness Initiative Survey. Survey included 3400 respondents. Available at: Heart-Valve-Surgery.com.